



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2951**
Tamas LUKACSOVICH et al. : Docket No. 2000-1561A
Serial No. 09/700,843 : Group Art Unit 1632
Filed February 7, 2001 : Examiner R. Shukla
A VECTOR FOR GENE TRAP, AND A :
METHOD FOR GENE TRAPPING BY
USING THE VECTOR

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated December 10, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group I, claims, 1-15. It is noted that this election is made by the Applicants while retaining their right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected subject matter with the protection afforded by 35 USC § 121.

Claims 16-19, directed to non-elected subject matter, remain in the application. It is requested that they be permitted to remain in a dormant condition pending possible rejoinder under *In re Ochiai* or the filing of a divisional application.

The Examiner accordingly is requested to proceed with an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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